

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

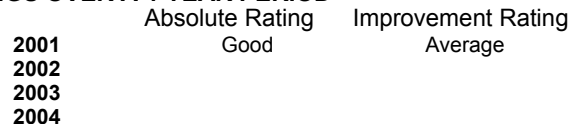
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 79.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent.

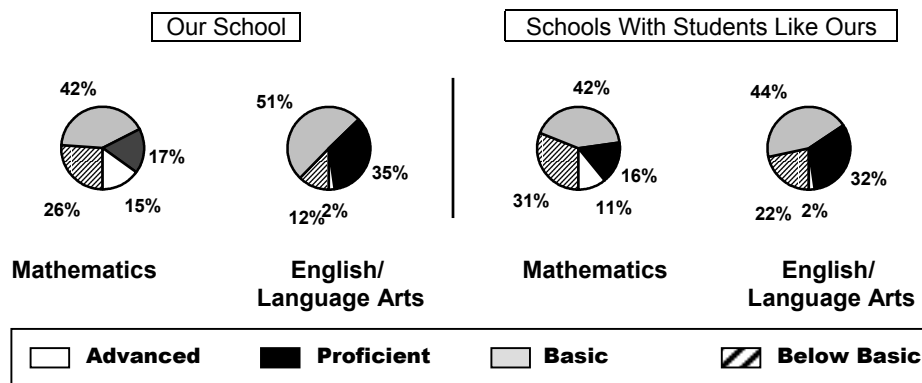
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

| PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------|---------|-------------------|
| Student Group | English/ Language Arts | Math | Science | Social Studies |
| All students (n=172) | 87.8 | 73.8 | N/A | N/A |
| Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=13) | N/A | N/A | | |
| Students without disabilities (n=159) | 91.2 | 78 | | |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male (n=99) | 85.9 | 71.7 | | |
| Female (n=73) | 90.4 | 76.7 | | |
| Ethnic Group | | | | |
| African American (n=18) | N/A | N/A | | |
| Hispanic (n=1) | N/A | N/A | | |
| White (n=153) | 90.8 | 75.2 | | |
| Other (n=N/A) | N/A | N/A | | |
| Lunch Status Group | | | | |
| Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=97) | 81.4 | 70.1 | | |
| Pay for lunch (n=75) | 96 | 78.7 | | |

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

| | Our School | Change From Last Year | Schools with Students like ours | Median Elementary School |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SCHOOL | | | | |
| • Dollars spent per student | \$5,073 | N/A | \$5,175 | \$5,347 |
| • Prime instructional time | 89.3% | Up from 87.6% | 89.8% | 90.2% |
| • Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 17.3 to 1 | N/A | 18.7 to 1 | 18.7 to 1 |
| STUDENTS (n=401) | | | | |
| • Attendance Rate | 95% | Down from 96.6% | 95.9% | 96.2% |
| • Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level | 1.2% | N/A | 4.3% | 4.1% |
| • Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level | 0% | N/A | 3.1% | 3.1% |
| • First graders who attended full day kindergarten | 96.6% | Up from 96.2% | 96.3% | 96.3% |
| • Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| • Retention rate | 2.8% | Down from 3.5% | 3.4% | 3.6% |
| TEACHERS (n=29) | | | | |
| • Professional Development days per teacher | 6.7 Days | Down from 7.1 | 7.4 Days | 7.6 days |
| • Attendance Rate | 95.3% | Up from 92.2% | 95% | 95.1% |
| • Teachers with advanced degrees | 34.5% | Down from 36.7% | 46.9% | 47.7% |
| • Continuing contract teachers | 79.3% | Down from 86.7% | 84.8% | 83.8% |
| • Teachers with out-of-field permits | 0% | No change | 0% | 0.0% |
| • Teachers returning from the previous school year | 82.4% | Down from 88.2% | 88.1% | 87.2% |
| • Average teacher salary | \$34,368 | Down 2.7% | \$37,799 | \$37,520 |

SCHOOL FACTS

| | Our School | Change From Last Year | Schools with Students like ours | Median Elementary School |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SCHOOL | | | | |
| • Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries | 64% | N/A | 65.6% | 65.3% |
| • Principal's years at the school | 7 | N/A | 5 | 4.0 |
| • Parents attending conferences | 99.8% | N/A | 97% | 95.6% |
| • Opportunities in the arts | Good | N/A | Good | Good |
| STUDENTS | | | | |
| • On academic plans | N/A | N/A | 42.2% | 43.1% |
| • On academic probation | N/A | N/A | 0% | 0.0% |
| • Older than usual for grade | 1.7% | Up from 0.3% | 1.1% | 1.1% |
| • Suspended or expelled | 36 | N/A | 1 | 1 |
| • Gifted and talented | 13.7% | Up from 9.1% | 12.8% | 11.5% |
| • With disabilities other than speech | 7% | Up from 6.1% | 9.6% | 8.4% |



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Palmetto Elementary is a beautiful school nestled in the picturesque eastern corner of Anderson County. Palmetto Elementary is a Title I school with the most ethnically and culturally diverse student body and faculty in Anderson School District One. This talented faculty has matriculated through fourteen colleges and universities from as far away as Australia, California, South America, and here in the Upstate. The 1999-2000 PACT scores for Palmetto Elementary showed an absolute score of "3" with a school rating of "Good." We are continuing to work towards a rating of "Excellent."

Palmetto Elementary School has experienced a very successful year. Among our more notable achievements are the following:

Thirty-eight students earned 75 Accelerated Reading points and went to Burger King with the Principal.

Book circulation in the Media Center totaled 38,209 during the 2000-2001 school year.

Conferences were held with 99% of all parents.

Community members served as active mentors for 22 students.

Clemson University provided 12 student tutors.

The Homework Center served 52 students from October to April.

The After-School Program tutored, supervised, and provided enrichment for 14 students until 5:30 p.m. daily.

A \$10,000 Arts Grant provided storytellers and artists-in-residence for all students.

We have one National Board Certified teacher and two in progress.

"Family Reading Night" was provided in the Media Center every Tuesday and Thursday until 7:00 p.m.

The School Improvement Council sponsored a 20-year service plaque and a Penny Drive for the Shriners Hospital.

Enrichment classes in music, dance, karate, technology, guitar, arts and crafts, and beginning piano were offered on Mondays after school. Over 120 students participated.

In conclusion, Palmetto Elementary, in cooperation with the School Improvement Council and business partners, continually seeks to provide exciting opportunities for students to learn, grow, and achieve academic excellence.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

| Percent | Teachers | Students | Parents |
|--|----------|----------|---------------|
| Satisfied with learning environment | 100.0 | 88.2 | (Avail. 2002) |
| Satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0 | 86.8 | |
| Satisfied with home-school relations | 96.2 | 83.7 | |

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Palmetto Primary
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Grades K-4 Elementary School

Enrollment: 401 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

For more information, visit our website at
www.myschools.org